

Memorandum



Date: October 27, 2004

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Agenda Item No. 5 (E)

To: Honorable Chairperson Barabara Carey- Shuler, Ed.D.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Burgess", written over the printed name of George M. Burgess.

Subject: Library Capital Report – October 2004

Golden Glades Branch Library: Contractor has been selected. ACT Construction Company. GSA has completed processing documentation to accept the winning bid. After this document has been executed by all parties within the County, contractor will begin providing the qualifying documents. Groundbreaking is expected to take place in November.

Naranja Branch Library: GSA has completed all construction drawings to the Library System and is awaiting completion of the landscaping plan prior to beginning the permitting process later this month. Construction to begin in June of next year.

Kendale Lakes Branch Library: GSA has completed all construction drawings to the Library System and is awaiting completion of the landscaping plan prior to beginning the permitting process later this month. Construction to begin in June of next year.

Pinecrest Branch Library: Interlocal Agreement with the Village of Pinecrest was approved by the BCC in July. The Village expects to begin construction later this year.

District 2 NW Branch Library: The Library System has accepted an invitation from the County's Public Housing Department to construct a library as part of the Scott Carver Housing Project. The 7500 square foot library would be located on a 1.6 acre parcel fronting NW 22nd avenue and 72nd St. The Library System and GSA are presently working on an initial site plan prior to beginning the Government Facilities/Community Council process. After public input and approval of the site has been given, GSA will submit its plans to the REC and BCC.

Concord Branch Library: Inaugurated on September 10, 2004.

Palm Springs North Branch Library (17611 NW 78th Avenue): A Certificate of Occupancy has been obtained. Library staff is presently preparing the branch for its Grand Opening on November 29th.

California Club Branch Library: Lease was approved by the BCC in July. The Library completed drafting plans for the build-out of the facility. Landlord has begun demolition and the buildout. Branch is scheduled to open in February, 2005.

Virrick Park Branch Library: An architect has been selected for the City of Miami facility. However, contractual issues exist between the City and the architectural firm which have delayed

completion of the plans. The 8-month construction project is now slated to begin next summer with a 2006 library opening.

Palmetto Bay Branch Library: The Library System received a proposal from the Village of Palmetto Bay for the construction of a library adjacent to a future park. The 5,000 sq. ft. facility will be leased to the Library System. The library would be built with frontage on Old Cutler Road. The Library and GSA have begun to review the proposal and will be meeting with Village officials shortly.

Renovations: The Library System has successfully completed on schedule its planned FY '03/04 renovations of the Culmer / Overtown, Edison and North Dade Regional Libraries. North Dade Regional celebrated its 25th Anniversary and the completion of the \$1.3 million renovation project on Saturday, September 18th. The Library System is presently undertaking an extensive renovation of its West Flagler Branch Library which it closed to the public on September 1st. Work will continue through the end of the year.

Additional New Libraries on the Horizon

Miami Beach Regional: A Technical Certificate of Occupancy was received by the City of Miami Beach in June. The next step is the final CO.

South Shore Branch Library: The build-out of the new space continues by the developer, The Courts Condominiums which is planning to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy in December. The branch will be relocated from its 1800 square foot space on Washington Avenue to a 5000 square foot bay at 131 Alton Road. The City of Miami Beach has purchased this space from the developer. The Library System is planning for a February opening of this new branch.

Fairlawn Branch Library: The Library System is moving the branch, presently located at 6869 SW 8th St., to a new facility with more expanded parking for patrons. The Library System is leasing a 4000 square foot bay which is being constructed to its specifications. Construction on the new site, located at 6376 SW 8th St., is expected to be completed in January. A March, 2005 opening is projected.

Sunny Isles Branch Library: Construction on the new City Hall continues. It will house a 7500 sq. ft. library on its first floor. If the building is handed over to the Library System in January 2005, a March opening is projected.